

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

- Thank you to Pizza Hut, Superb Smiles, Comfort Inn and Emerson for participating in the sidewalk program. Also thank you to the Street Department for putting in the sidewalk.
- Reminder of the City picnic on August 25th at 5:00 at the amphitheater.
- The City will continue to water the trees on Main Street.
- Fire Chief Jenkins will be putting together a short program to better inform the benefits committee of the FLSA overtime for the Fire Department.
- The final check has been issued to Brackney concluding the settlement agreement.
- Cameron has met with Reggie Walton from Indianapolis on their unsafe building policy. He will provide that information to Council.
- Looking into an intern program with Ivy Tech.
- Will be getting surveys for connection of nature trails.
- We are in the process of setting up meetings regarding the City's ADA accessibility.
- There will be depositions on September 27 regarding the Park Restaurant litigation.
- The Fraley/Wilker Drain has been approved.
- Thanked D.J. Lemon, his son, and Cale Worley for cleaning up a section of Circleville to the bridge.
- The final concert is scheduled for August 25th.
- There will be a meeting of the Smile fund August 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- ARA will be preparing a press release soon regarding a grant award.
- Tomorrow there will be a public press release at 2:00 p.m. at the 201 Building.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley passed out updates for the handbook policy.

She informed Council that the State Board of Accounts have been working on the City's audit for the year 2011. This is almost complete and the exit conference will be August 22nd.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bridges said he has been taking CERT training. One portion of the training involves disasters with pets. Bridges said we will need to prepare a policy to follow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amphitheater Committee – Pavey said he has been informed by the State Board of Accounts that there needs to be a separation from the City. He said he is working with the City Attorney to prepare a contract and will email a copy to the Council for review.

Comprehensive Plan – Smith said the plan has been written. They have prepared a questionnaire, but are currently cleaning up the language on the questionnaire before sending it out.

Trash Committee – Smith said they are working with Carole Yeend to gather more information to prepare a plan.

Employee Benefit Committee – Pavey said the committee has met and are working on some items. He also said IACT has put together a survey of what various Cities are doing for raises for 2013 and we appear to be right in the middle of what others are doing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Park – Mathews said he is working with a committee on the 2nd annual Gospel Sing which will be September 8th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. He said they will have an honor guard and will be honoring the first responders.

The last day the pool will be open is August 10th.

Fire – Jenkins said 3 properties have been advertised for demolition and will be back for approval at the August 17th meeting.

Jenkins said he is working with Geoff Wesling on 2 additional properties to try to acquire Quit Claim Deeds.

Police – Tucker handed out his monthly report. He also informed Council that they will be doing some advertising over Labor Day weekend to promote safe driving.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Chet Walker, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, came before Council to thank them for their support of the Club and said they would appreciate the City's continued support. He also invited all to stop by the Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brackney Settlement – Pavey said the settlement has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Purchase - Julie Newhouse said they have been in discussion with Dave Matney concerning the purchase of the old VFW. This is being auctioned on line. In discussion with Matney they have agreed on \$25,000.00. With a note for \$10,000.00. If the City decides to back out they would lose the \$10,000.00. The approximate closing date would be September 7th. Mayor Pavey said he would like to tear the building down and use the property for semi parking. He said he would like to charge a fee for parking and issue permits. Ron Tolliver suggested that 2 permits be issued one for the cab and one for the trailer. Berkemeier made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the property. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wind Turbine Generator – Ron Tolliver said he is considering the option of a wind turbine generator for his residence located at 314 West 3rd Street. He said his electric bill this past winter was \$1300.00 a month. He said he is looking at a 40-55 foot tower with 3 blades. He said it would be similar to the one at Rush Shelby Energy but smaller.

Berkemeier said he would like to check with ordinances from other communities. He also said he would like to check with the Area Plan Commission and report back to Council at the next meeting. Smith said he would also like additional time to research the matter.

Sheehan made a motion to table until the next meeting. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Animal Control Interlocal Agreement – Berkemeier made a motion to approve the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with the County through 2012. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC Introduction – Jim Finan introduced Carolyn Bunzendahl. She is the Client Service Manager for the ECDC.

Claims – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER